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Docket No.: 2427/1E988-US1 12-18-02

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Vincent J. KIDD et al.

Serial No.: 09/477,082

Group Art Unit: 1642

Confirmation No.: 8684

Filed: December 30, 1999

Examiner: Jennifer Hunt

For: TUMOR SUPPRESSOR PROTEIN INVOLVED IN DEATH SIGNALING,  
AND DIAGNOSTICS, THERAPEUTICS, AND SCREENING BASED  
ON THIS PROTEIN

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Hon. Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on June 4, 2002, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Submitted simultaneously herewith is (1) a Mark-Up Copy of the amended claims, (2) an Examiner's Courtesy Copy of claims under consideration, (3) a Notice of Appeal, and (iv) a Petition for THREE (3) MONTHS Extension of Time with the required fees.

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